

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (original): An ultraviolet protective preparation comprising **0.1** to **10%** by weight of an ester compound, **39.9** to **89.9%** by weight of an ester oil and **10** to **50%** by weight of an ultraviolet protective powder, wherein:

the ester compound is an ester compound produced from glycerin and/or its condensate, a straight-chain saturated fatty acid having **2** to **28** carbon atoms and an aliphatic saturated dibasic acid having **12** to **28** carbon atoms and the ester oil is an oil agent which has a liquid or paste form at normal temperature and is produced from a carboxylic acid having a monovalent to hexavalent carboxyl group and **2** to **36** carbon atoms and an alcohol having monohydric to hexahydric hydroxyl group and **1** to **36** carbon atoms.

2. (original): The ultraviolet protective preparation according to Claim **1**, wherein the amount of the ester compound to be formulated is **0.4** to **2%** by weight, the amount of the ester oil to be formulated is **57.1** to **74.8%** by weight and the amount of the ultraviolet protective powder to be formulated is **24.8** to **39.9%** by weight.

3. (currently amended): The ultraviolet protective preparation according to Claim **1** ~~or 2~~, wherein the ester compound is an ester compound prepared from glycerin and/or a

polyglycerin having a mean value of polymerization degree of **2** to **10**, a straight-chain saturated fatty acid having **16** to **24** carbon atoms and an aliphatic saturated dibasic acid having **16** to **24** carbon atoms.

4. (currently amended): The ultraviolet protective preparation according to ~~any one of Claims~~Claim 1 to 3, wherein the ester compound is a compound prepared from glycerin, behenic acid and eicosanic diacid.

5. (currently amended): The ultraviolet protective preparation according to ~~any one of Claims~~Claim 1 to 4, wherein the ester oil has a viscosity of **4** to **100** mPa·s at 20°C.

6. (currently amended): The ultraviolet protective preparation according to ~~any one of Claims~~Claim 1 to 5, wherein the ester oil is one or two or more ester oils prepared from one or two or more polyols selected from neopentyl glycol, 2-methyl-2-ethyl-1,3-propanediol, glycerin, trimethylolpropane, diglycerin, ditrimethylolpropane, erythritol and pentaerythritol and one or two or more saturated straight-chain carboxylic acids having a monovalent carboxyl group and/or saturated branched carboxylic acids having a monovalent carboxyl group.

7. (currently amended): The ultraviolet protective preparation according to ~~any one of Claims~~Claim 1 to 6, wherein the ester oil is one or two or more of neopentyl glycol dicaprate, glyceryl tri-2-ethylhexanoate and pentaerythritol tetra-2-ethylhexanoate.

8. (currently amended): The ultraviolet protective preparation according to ~~any one of Claims~~Claim 1 to 7, wherein the ultraviolet protective powder is one or two or more of titanium dioxide, iron-containing titanium dioxide and zinc oxide.

9. (currently amended): The ultraviolet protective preparation according to ~~any one of Claims~~Claim 1 to 8, the ultraviolet protective preparation further comprising lecithin.

10. (original): The ultraviolet protective preparation according to Claim **9**, wherein the ratio by weight of lecithin is **0.0001** to **0.05** to the total amount when the total amount of the ester compound, the ester oil and the ultraviolet protective powder is set to **1**.

11. (currently amended): The ultraviolet protective preparation according to Claim ~~9 or 10~~, wherein the lecithin is hydrogenated lecithin.

12. (currently amended): The ultraviolet protective preparation according to ~~any one of Claims~~Claim 1 to 11, wherein the storage elastic modulus (G') when a shear stress (τ) of **0.1** to **10** Pa is applied at a frequency of **1**Hz at **25°C** is **10** to **5000** Pa and the loss elastic modulus (G'') when a shear stress (τ) of **0.1** to **10** Pa is applied at a frequency of **1**Hz at **25°C** is **80** to **3000** Pa.

13. (currently amended): The ultraviolet protective preparation according to ~~any one of Claims~~Claim 1 to 12, wherein the area enclosed by the shear rate and shear stress measured at 25°C in a hysteresis loop is **300** to **3000** Pa × 1/s.

14. (currently amended): A cosmetic comprising the ultraviolet protective preparation as claimed in ~~any one of Claims~~Claim 1 to 13.

15. (original): The cosmetic according to Claim **14**, wherein the cosmetic is one type selected from face lotions, milky lotions, creams, ointments, foundations, lip creams, lipsticks, mascaras, eye shadows, eyebrows, nail enamels and cheek colors.

16. (new): An ultraviolet protective preparation comprising 0.1 to 10% by weight of an ester compound, 39.9 to 89.9% by weight of an ester oil and 10 to 50% by weight of an ultraviolet protective powder, wherein

the ester compound is an ester compound produced from glycerin, behenic acid and eicosanic diacid,

the ester oil is at lease one of neopentyl glycol dicaprato, glyceryl tri-2-ethylhexanoate or pentaerythritol tetra-2-ethylhexanoate, and

the ultraviolet protective powder is at least one of titanium dioxide, iron-containing titanium dioxide or zinc oxide.

17. (new): The ultraviolet protective preparation according to Claim **16**, further comprising lecithin.